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Juvenile Justice Issues Pending in the Iowa Legislature

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Juvenile Law Section

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BILL #	SUBJECT	STATUS	COMMENTS
HF 599	JUVENILE ORDERS AND PLACEMENT. Adds aggravated misdemeanor or felony property crimes to the criteria for placement at the State Training School. Allows a dispositional order for a juvenile sex offender to be continued until the juvenile reaches age 19 to allow completion of a sex offender treatment program.	Passed the House in 1997. Died on the Senate Unfinished Business calendar at the end of the 1998 session.	
HF 677	CHILD CUSTODY. Among other provisions, requires the Court to consider a parent's convictions for crimes committed against minors when awarding custody and visitation.	Signed by the Governor, 4/10/98.	Effective 7/1/98.
HF 2269	SCHOOL FIGHTS. Provides immunity from civil suit for school employees who have physical contact with students under certain circumstances. Allows school employees who are wrongfully sued to collect damages. Allows school employees to intervene in off campus fights. Amended to include non school employees.	Signed by the Governor, 5/14/98.	Effective 7/1/98.

HF 2395	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS. Among other things, appropriates \$ 125,000 for a runaway assessment center in a county approximately the size of Linn County.	Signed by the Governor, 5/21/98. Item veto did not affect this provision.	Effective 7/1/98.
HF 2456	JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION. Among other things, allows court appointed special advocates (CASA's) access to child abuse information.	Signed by the Governor, 4/2/98.	Effective 7/1/98. See SF 2235.
HF 2527	VICTIMS' RIGHTS. Combines current provisions related to victims' rights into a separate chapter of the Code.	Signed by the Governor, 4/13/98.	Effective 1/1/99.
SF 2220	CHRONIC RUNAWAY DEFINITION. Changes definition from a child who runs away more than once in any "month" to once in any "thirty day period."	Signed by the Governor, 3/31/98.	Effective 7/1/98.
SF 2235	JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION. Among other provisions, authorizes a court appointed special advocate (CASA) to receive confidential child abuse information.	Signed by the Governor, 4/17/98.	Effective 7/1/98. See HF 2456.
SF 2280	JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION GRANTS. Among other things, reauthorizes the community grant fund for juvenile crime prevention programs through FY 2000, moves control of those funds to the local level, and allocates \$1.6 million. Senate efforts to designate \$250,000 of the \$1.6 million for a Youth Leadership Program were rebuffed in the House.	Signed by the Governor, 5/19/98. Item vetoes did not affect this program.	Effective 7/1/98.
SF 2335	SEX ABUSE OF YOUTH IN A FACILITY. Makes it an aggravated misdemeanor for juvenile facility employees to have sex with incarcerated youth.	Signed by the Governor, 4/15/98.	Effective 7/1/98.
SF 2345	ADOPTION/ FOSTER CARE. Brings Iowa into compliance with the Federal Safe Families Act. Among other provisions, requires a Termination of Parental Rights petition be filed after a child has been in foster care for 15 months. Temporary Removal Orders must warn parents of the possibility of parental rights being terminated.	Signed by the Governor, 5/14/98.	Effective 7/1/98.
SF 2359	CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM STUDY. Requires the Citizen's Aide office to review the state child protection system. An amendment which would have allowed the subject of an investigation to authorize release of information to a legislator or statewide elected official was unsuccessful.	Signed by the Governor, 5/14/98.	Effective upon enactment, but only if funded by the Legislative Council.

SF 2353	DEPT. of EDUCATION SCHOOL BASED SERVICES. Appropriates \$2.8 million for school based services and extends the program through FY 2000.	Signed by the Governor, 4/21/98.	Effective 7/1/98.
SF 2363	CHILD ABUSE REGISTRY APPEALS. DHS has 45 calendar days to act on a request for correction or expungement of child abuse information. Otherwise, a hearing must be held, pursuant to the APA, within 90 days and a written decision filed within 60 days or the requested change is made automatically.	Passed the Senate. Died on the House Unfinished Business calendar at the end of the session.	.
SF 2381	INFRASTRUCTURE. Appropriates \$9.3 million to continue the 3 year plan to build a new 24 bed cottage, a multipurpose building, a school and a gym at the Eldora Training School.	Signed by the Governor, 5/19/98. Item vetoes did not affect this provision.	
SF 2387	JUVENILE COURT ADOPTIONS. Contains provisions about adoption investigations and counseling. Allows juvenile courts to handle adoptions.	Passed the Senate. Died on the House Unfinished Business calendar at the end of the session.	SF 2226 which allowed juvenile court adoptions died in the 2 nd funnel in the House.
SF 2398	REPEAT CHILD SEX OFFENDERS. Among other things, imposes a life sentence on an offender convicted of repeat sexual abuse of a minor age 12 or younger.	Signed by the Governor, 5/6/98.	Effective 7/1/98.
SF 2406	EMPOWERMENT AREAS. Establishes a state Empowerment Board and local Empowerment Boards which will oversee spending on programs for children and youth. Establishes School Ready Children Grants, to be run by community empowerment area boards.	Signed by the Governor, 5/20/98.	Effective upon enactment.
SF 2410	HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriates funds for the Department of Human Services and includes other policy provisions.	Signed by the Governor, 5/19/98. A provision which would have guaranteed up to \$ 1 million to reimburse county juvenile detention costs was vetoed.	Effective 7/1/98.